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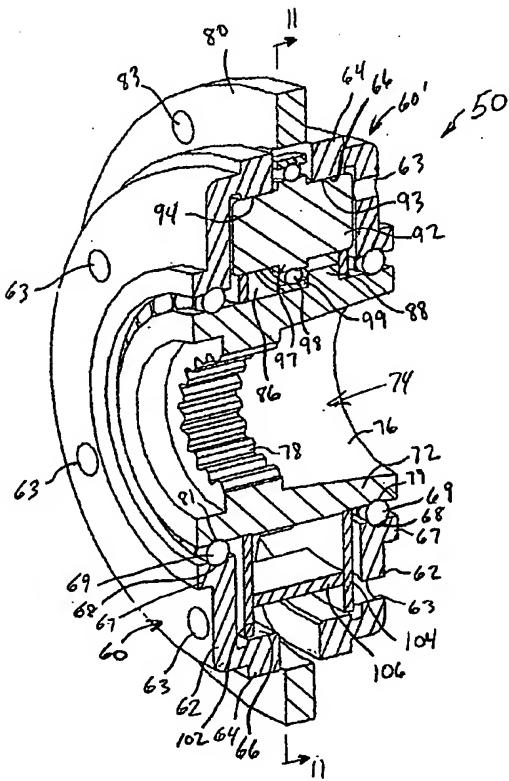
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(57) **Abstract:** A steering wheel mounting assembly comprising first and second stationary rings, the second stationary ring being adapted for connection to a vehicle frame. The assembly further comprises a steering hub having a spindle with a radial flange extending therefrom. The spindle is adapted for connection with a steering shaft and the radial flange is adapted for connection with a steering wheel. The spindle has a first bearing raceway for engaging a bearing of the first stationary ring and a second bearing raceway for engaging a bearing of the second stationary ring. The steering hub has at least one opening that defines a bearing surface. A friction roller assembly, having a shaft with a third bearing thereabout, is positioned in the opening such that as the third bearing rotates relative to the bearing surface, the third bearing moves radially outward and the shaft engages the first and second cylindrical raceways.



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